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FOR: METHOD FOR INHIBITING DIFFERENTIATION AND FORMATION  
OF CONIFEROPHYTA MALE FLOWER BY TREATMENT WITH  
PROHEXADIONE COMPOUNDS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111(a)**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2006, kindly enter the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** – begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** – begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** – N/A

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.